

National EMS Advisory Council

An overview of NHTSA
Office of Emergency Medical Services



Accidental Death and Disability 1966

National Academy of Sciences/
National Research Council



Accidental Death and Disability 1966

- Encouraged ambulance legislation and standards
- EMS personnel standards
- Pilot programs in rural areas
- Communications system improvements
- Trauma registries
- Rehabilitation studies
- Mass casualty care

Highway Safety Act of 1966

- Highway Safety includes emergency medical care and transportation of the injured



William Haddon



First NHTSA Administrator
1966-1969

Haddon Matrix

Human

Vehicle

Environment

Pre-Event



Event



Post-Event



Comprehensive Approach to Highway Safety

Early Highway Safety EMS Activities

- Highway Safety Standard 11
 - Promoting comprehensive state and local EMS systems
 - Guided by:
 - Accidental Death and Disability
 - American College of Surgeons
 - Armed Forces techniques
 - Experiences from selected states
- National Standard EMT and First Responder educational curricula
- Star of Life
- Model EMS systems legislation (1978)
- State EMS Assessments

What we do:

- Mission:

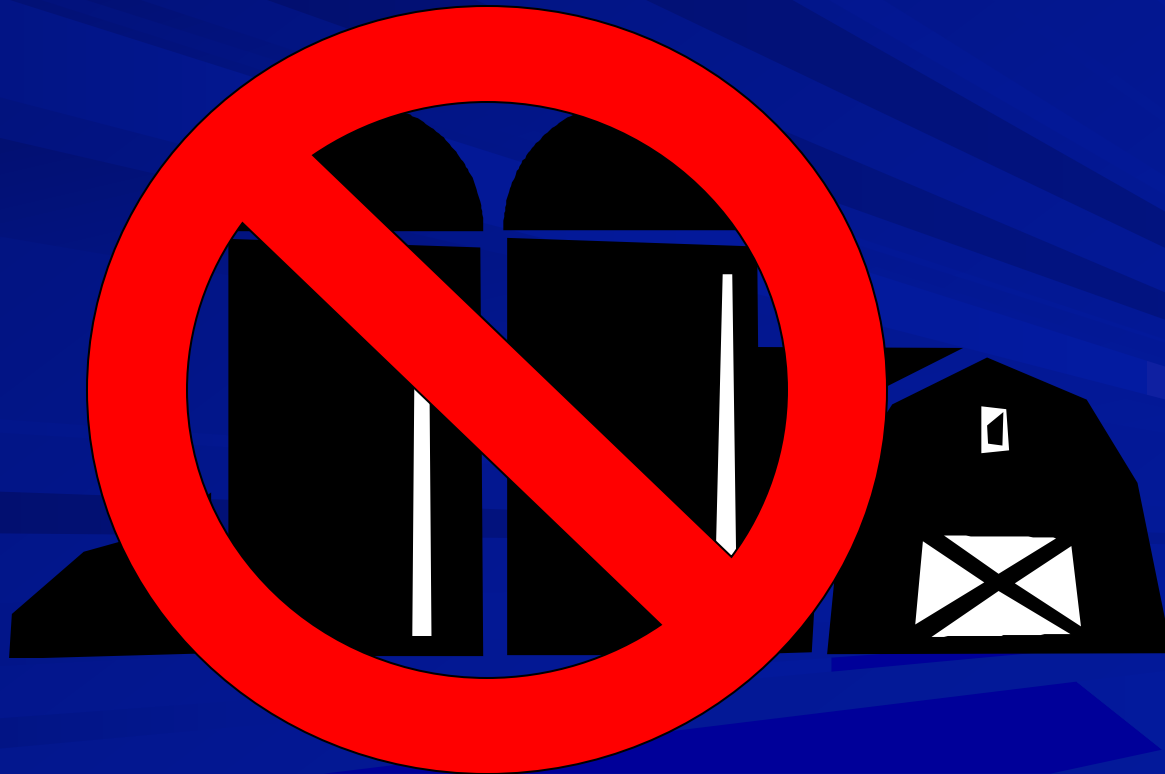
To reduce death and disability by providing leadership and coordination to the EMS community in assessing, planning, developing and promoting comprehensive, evidence-based emergency medical services and 9-1-1 systems.

NHTSA Approach

- Comprehensive EMS system development
- Facilitating consensus
 - Agenda documents
- Focusing on development of effective state and local EMS systems
- Coordination with national EMS organizations & Federal partners
- Project selection
 - Projects of national significance
 - Guided by agenda documents
 - Strategic selection
- No Response Role

Modus Operandi

Accomplishments
through
Partnerships and Cooperation



Federal EMS Program Coordination



Projects of National Significance (Examples)

- National EMS Standard Curricula
- State EMS Assessment program
- EMS Agenda for the Future
- EMS Education Agenda for the Future
- EMS Research Agenda
- National Trauma System Agenda
- EMS Workforce Project
- National EMS Information System

Office of EMS

- Two major, inter-related program areas
 - Emergency Medical Service
 - National 9-1-1 Office
- ENHANCE 9-1-1 Act of 2004
 - Statutory authority for National 9-1-1 Office
 - Housed at NHTA
 - Co-managed with National Telecommunications and Information Administration
 - E9-1-1 grant program

OEMS Funding FY 08

- Congressional appropriation
 - EMS
 - 9-1-1
 - NEMSIS
- EMS for Children
- CDC – Division of Injury Response

OEMS - Staff

- Drew Dawson
 - Director
- Susan McHenry, MS
 - NEMSIS
 - EMS Research
 - State Assessments
- David Bryson
 - Education
 - Health and Safety
- Gamunu Wijetunge, NREMT-P
 - Workforce
 - Preparedness
- Laurie Flaherty, RN, MS
 - 9-1-1
 - Technology
 - Public relations/communications
- Cathy Gotschall, ScD
 - Evidence-based practice guidelines
 - National EMS Assessment
- Cynthia McNair
 - Administrative Support

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